

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

The Tuesday, September 11, 2012 Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hagenbuch at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Dennis Hagenbuch, John Haeussler, Ron Studer, John Slivon and Glenn Anderson.

Absent: John Diebel, Mary Pekkala, Bonnie Holland and Kevin Kalinec.

Guests: None

It was moved by Haeussler and seconded by Studer to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Haeussler and seconded by Studer to approve the July 10, 2012 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None

The Commission discussed the idea of adding one more WI-MAX repeater at the campground for 2013, increasing from 3 repeaters to 4 to provide coverage for the SE corner. The cost would be \$250 for the outdoor modem, another \$14 monthly fee added on to the current \$79 monthly bill, and an estimated cost of \$412 to add another electrical outlet box.

The Commission discussed purchasing a 2 bay (4 swings) swing set for the campground. It is on sale for \$1,530 plus shipping from Miracle Recreation.

It was moved by Studer and seconded by Haeussler to recommend to the city council to purchase the 2 bay swing for the campground.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The Commission reviewed campground usage through August. The campground has had a busy summer season.

The Commission discussed reopening the M-203 winter sledding hill area to the public. The KNCS has asked the city to reopen the area for a snowshoe trail head for the

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Swedetown Creek Corridor. The area had been closed last winter due to the stockpiling of over 10,000 yds. of peat moss from the beach parking lot reconstruction project.

It was moved by Slivon and seconded by Studer to recommend to the City Council to reopen the M-203 sledding hill area to the public for the upcoming winter season.

The Commission discussed the possibility of installing a new or rebuilt sauna at the campground if one was found that was inexpensive. FinnFest 2013 may bring some opportunities to the city for consideration.

The Commission was briefed on the driving park usage, where between 190 to 200 games were played on all 3 fields, and between 400 to 500 practice sessions were held. FU head baseball coach Steve Lishinski coordinated this summer's schedule. The Commission thanked Steve for his work.

FU volunteered to aerate the infield of field A this fall, and FU did install one new 18' wide batting cage on the first base side of the Western fence line, batting cage steel frame is removable. In September, FU had men's baseball practice 4 days a week, and plans to hold a September 29<sup>th</sup> intra-squad game.

The MTU baseball club has a final baseball game scheduled for Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Highland Games will use field A for its activities on September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Houghton County Fair Board decided not to make any changes to the access gates as proposed, the city agreed to have one new double man gate installed at the existing one man gate (North) if the Fair Board wanted to do it.

The Commission discussed the very poor condition of the used dasher boards at Laurn Grove. They had been secured free from the county arena as used boards, and had deteriorated significantly.

The Commission reviewed several price options for dasher board replacement, including \$34,000 for a commercial grade galvanized steel frame with treated lumber from Becker Arena, and \$54,395 for a galvanized frame with fiberglass dasher boards, again from Becker Arena. The commission discussed obtaining price quotes from World of Wood to construct a treated wood frame with ¾" treated plywood as another option. If affordable, the commission will ask the city council to review funding for this needed project. The rink is 85' x 150'.

The Commission noted the city's bike & pedestrian committee had started up again, and reviewed the August 30<sup>th</sup> minutes.

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The Commission discussed the recent DNR MNRTF grant award of \$262,500 for the Navy St. Park Boardwalk project, and recognized the \$87,500 local match provided by the DDA.

The Commission also discussed the pending \$45,000 DNR PASSPORT application, and noted the initial grant was scored at 135 out of 200 points. The city will submit a request to increase its points and a decision is expected in November.

Ron Studer asked if the city could obtain quotes to run natural gas to the campground shower building.

It was moved by Haeussler and seconded by Slivon to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary